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DO OR DRY

Lake that once caught Union Finance Minister's eye is now in doldrums — citizens have an idea on how to fix the fast depleting water level

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FINAL COUNTDOWN

New Zealand cruises in to the final after emphatic win against South Africa; all eyes on India today

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With narrow bylanes and poorly designed buildings housing thickly packed shops stocking all kinds of material, some even inflammable, Chickpet's bustling streets are a firefighter's nightmare

FIRE ALARM GOES OFF

Officers say during recent fire they took 20 minutes to reach due to traffic congestion and hoses had to be squeezed in

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Chickpet, one of Bengaluru's oldest and busiest commercial hubs with a 400-year legacy in textile trade, has come under renewed focus after a recent fire exposed major safety lapses and access challenges in the crowded market area. Fire officials said severe congestion and the absence of clear information about nearby shops delayed their response.

Though they usually cover one kilometre in about one-and-a-half minutes, the 2–3 km distance to the spot in Chickpet took nearly 20 minutes. Officials further estimated that nearly 99% of buildings in Chickpet and surrounding localities do not possess a valid fire safety No-Objection Certificate (NOC).

The massive fire broke out in the Kumbarpet area of Chickpet on February 25 around 6.30 am in a fancy store or hardware godown located on the first floor of a three-storey building.

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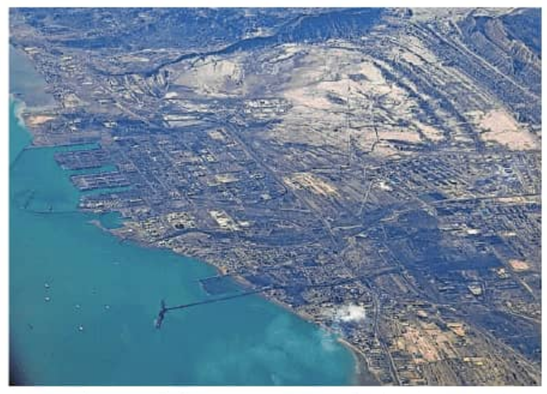
"Very few building owners even think about obtaining a fire no-objection certificate (NOC). Our estimate is that nearly 99% of buildings in Chickpet and nearby areas do not have the NOC

—Fire & rescue services officer

The war within

How US-Israel-Iran conflict is rippling through farms, markets and airports back home



An aerial view Port of Fujairah, United Arab Emirates in the strait of Hormuz (file)

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A war unfolding in West Asia has quickly cast a shadow over the Indian economy. Within days of the US-Israel offensive on Iran and the resulting regional tensions, export routes through the Red Sea and Strait of Hormuz have turned uncertain, flights have been cancelled and shipments have stalled. For a state deeply linked to Gulf markets through agriculture, poultry, rice trade and a large migrant population, the impact is immediate and unsettling.

Poultry pressure

South India exports nearly 80 lakh eggs daily to Gulf nations, with 15 to 20 lakh sourced from Karnataka districts such as Ballari, Mysuru, Mandya and Davanagere. With shipping lines disrupted and flights suspended, exports have stopped abruptly.

The surplus has flooded local mandis, pushing wholesale egg prices down within days. Farmers warn that if the disruption lasts a month, losses could mount to hundreds of crores of rupees. With Ramzan, Easter and school holidays already softening domestic demand, the timing could not be worse, said traders.

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THINGS TO DO

01 Artistic journey

Internationally recognised visual artist Dr Akhter Husain presents Vedic Inspirations, a solo exhibition exploring India's spiritual and civilisational heritage through a contemporary visual language. **Where: Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath; When: Until March 8, 10.30 am to 6 pm**

02 Colors of togetherness

Ekatvam, an initiative of the Entrust Foundation, is bringing the Holi Music Fest 2026, a grand three-day celebration of musical togetherness, artistic excellence, and cultural heritage. **Where: The Bangalore Gayana Samaja, Basavanagudi; When: March 6, 7 & 8, 5 pm**

03 Weekend fun

Ranga Shankara returns with its signature intimate storytelling programme, Little Cloud, packed with an enchanting experience of creativity, laughter and imagination. The sessions are held for children aged 4 to 6 every Saturday and Sunday. **Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar; When: Until March 15, 10 am**

04 Deep dive

Atta Galatta is hosting 'Journey of a Song-150 years of Vande Mataram', taking the audience on a journey through stories, anecdotes, facts, myths and misgivings surrounding 'Vande Mataram'. **Where: Atta Galatta, Indiranagar; When: March 7, 7 pm**

05 Melodious evening

Matra Productions is presenting UMMEED – Chapter 3, an inclusive music festival performed by children with special needs. The programme aims to enhance emotional expression, build confidence, and encourage social participation through performance-based interventions. **Where: Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Race Course Road; When: March 7, 5 pm**

Child Care Leave cannot be restricted to specific days, says HC

Court says discretion of employer cannot be exercised in unreasonable manner while granting leave meant to enable parents to attend to their children's needs at critical stages

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The Karnataka High Court has ruled that Child Care Leave (CCL) cannot be narrowly confined to the specific days on which a child writes examinations, and that the period spent preparing for those examinations is equally covered under the rules. The court emphasised that the very object of granting such leave would be defeated if parents are denied the opportunity to meaningfully assist their children during crucial academic phases.

The judgment was delivered by a division bench comprising Justices SG Pandit and KV Aravind while dismissing a petition filed by Union government authorities challenging an order passed in favour of a woman employee. The employee, an administrative officer with the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) in Bengaluru, functioning under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, had sought Child Care Leave to support her son during his Class 10 board examination cycle.

She had applied for leave covering not only the days of the examinations but also the preceding months to assist her son in preparing for the board exams. However, the department sanctioned leave only for a limited duration corresponding to part of the examination schedule, effectively denying her request for the preparatory period. The authorities took the view that Child Care Leave could be granted only during the actual examination days and not beyond.

Before the High Court, the petitioners contended that extending Child Care Leave beyond the actual examination days would cause administrative inconvenience and disrupt the functioning of the office.

The division bench, however, was not persuaded. Interpreting the relevant rules in a purposive manner, the court observed that the intent behind introducing Child Care Leave was to enable parents, particularly mothers, to attend to their children's needs at critical stages of development and education.

The Bench made it clear that once eligibility criteria are satisfied, the discretion of the employer cannot be exercised in an arbitrary or unreasonable manner.

Rules on home-cooked food in prison

The Karnataka High Court on Wednesday framed guidelines regulating the grant of home-cooked food to undertrial prisoners and convicts, stressing that incarceration does not strip a person of their fundamental dignity. Delivering the order, Justice M Nagaprasanna underscored that constitutional protections continue to operate even within prison walls.

The ruling came in a petition filed by the State government challenging orders of a sessions court that had allowed home-cooked food to actress Pavithra Gowda, Nagaraju R, and Lakshman M, who are facing trial in the Renukaswamy murder case.

IISc works on AI-powered brain technology

The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) has launched an ambitious "moonshot" project to develop brain co-processors that combine neuromorphic hardware and AI algorithms to enhance or restore brain function. The project is a multidisciplinary endeavour with the primary goal of developing both implantable and non-invasive brain co-processors that can decode brain activity from neural recordings, process it with an AI algorithm, and re-encode the signals back into the brain via neural stimulation or neurofeedback.

By combining advanced neural recording, AI-driven inference, closed-loop stimulation, and personalised rehabilitation protocols, this project will lay the foundation for a first-of-its-kind brain co-processor that restores complex sensorimotor function after stroke. The co-processors can be deployed to support cognitive rehabilitation for stroke survivors, restoring critical functions such as goal-directed reach and grasp.

The project aims to build an AI-powered, closed-loop device that connects to different parts of the brain in order to help restore smooth, coordinated movement. It also seeks to create capacity and impact in India by indigenising the development of implants, hardware, and AI stacks that can work with clinical infrastructure in low-resource settings, by building India-specific databases of stereo EEG and ECoG recordings.

— BMB

White-topping work prompts traffic restrictions

The Bengaluru Traffic Police has issued a traffic advisory due to white-topping work on LTP Road, between Upparpet Police Station and Shanthala Junction, under Upparpet Traffic Station limits. Vehicular movement will be restricted from March 4 to March 15, 2026. Vehicles travelling from Mysore Bank Junction towards Rajajinagar are advised to turn right at TB Road (Elite Junction), proceed via KSRTC Service Road to GT Road, then take a left towards Shanthala Signal. A right turn from there will lead to Rajajinagar. Vehicles moving from KG Road towards Mysore Road via Shanthala Signal can turn left at Pothys Junction, continue along BVK Iyengar Road, and proceed to Mysore Road.

Police have requested commuters to follow the suggested diversion routes and cooperate during the restriction period to ease congestion during peak hours. **— BMB**

Revenue Department to go paperless by year end

Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda has announced that the Revenue Department will be made fully paperless by the end of this year, with key services delivered directly to citizens' doorsteps. Reviewing monthly progress with Deputy Commissioners at Vikas Soudha, he said that in the past 1,000 days the government has digitised major services including podi correction, inheritance transfers and the Bhoosuraksha drive, moving them online and simplifying access for the public. Over 2.05 lakh land parcels have been taken up for survey in the last year, with a target of one lakh more in the next three months. Officials have been directed to prepare pending grant files, complete surveys, generate maps, digitise RTCs and hand over proper land documents to farmers instead of making them run from office to office.

Under the e-Pouthi Khata campaign, aimed at transferring land records from deceased owners to legal heirs, around 13 lakh properties have already been updated at beneficiaries' homes. The minister noted that nearly 49 lakh land records remain in the names of deceased persons, affecting transactions and loans, and instructed faster disposal of over one lakh pending files. A new digital survey plan using rover technology will ensure sketches, notes and related records are available in digital format. Under the Bhoosuraksha initiative, 71.19 crore pages have been scanned so far, with the remaining work to be completed by April end. The government has also announced incentives of up to Rs 5 crore for village officials who complete the highest number of inheritance transfers, as part of efforts to modernise and streamline the department. **— BMB**

Bengaluru gears up for summer water stress

The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has drawn up an advance plan to tackle potential summer water shortages, with a focus on maintaining all RO drinking water units in 65 wards where groundwater levels have dropped sharply. Additional Chief Secretary for Urban Development Tushar Giri Nath directed officials to ensure there is no disruption to drinking water supply in any part of the city, including 110 peripheral villages and other vulnerable areas. He instructed that new water connections in the affected wards be provided without delay and that each ward be assigned a dedicated engineer responsible for end-to-end water management through the summer.

A Rs 10.14-crore action plan has been prepared, with 448 vulnerable locations identified. The board plans to deploy 221 tankers to fill 1,260 rotational moulded polyethylene water storage tanks, supported by 21 connected tankers and 91 filling points.

Taking into account a report by the Indian Institute of Science, officials said all RO plants handed over by the former BBMP must be kept fully functional.

— BMB

CRIME FILES

Man arrested for allegedly murdering uncle over property dispute

The death of a 52-year-old mechanic in Austin Town, which was initially believed to be accidental, has now been confirmed as a case of murder. The Viveknagar Police Station arrested the deceased's nephew for allegedly assaulting him and trying to stage the incident as an accidental death, reportedly following a dispute over vacating a rented house.

According to the police, a complaint was lodged at the Viveknagar Police Station on March 2, 2026. The complainant stated that his father, Inayath Pasha (52), who was living alone on the ground floor of his sister's building in Austin Town on a lease basis, was found unresponsive on the evening of March 1. The deceased, a two-wheeler mechanic by profession, had been suffering from a disability in his left leg due to polio since birth.

On March 1 at around 6.45 pm, his son, Syed Mohammed Ali, visited the house and found his father lying motionless on a cot. Earlier that afternoon, at about 4.45 pm, Pasha's sister and her son had reportedly gone to serve him food and noticed him lying inside the house. When they attempted to wake him, he did not respond and then initially, a case of Unnatural Death Report (UDR) was registered. However, during the course of investigation, police questioned the deceased's sister, her son, and other relatives. Suspicion raised by a relative led to a deeper probe, following which a murder case was registered.

The accused, Masoor Ahmed (22), son of the house owner, was taken into custody for questioning. During interrogation, he allegedly confessed that he had been persistently pressuring Pasha to vacate the rented house. Police said that on March 1, at around 4.30 pm, he once again went to the tenant's residence and demanded that he move out. A heated argument reportedly erupted after Pasha refused and allegedly abused him.

During the altercation, Ahmed is said to have punched Pasha on the face, eyes, chest and ribs, resulting in his death on the spot. He then allegedly placed the body on the bed and left the house. Since the confession Ahmed has been arrested. Further investigation is underway. –BMB

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Gold jewellery worth ₹25 lakh stolen; accused arrested

A house break-in was reported on the night of February 16, 2026, at 5th Main Road, Bhuvaneshwarinagar, within Hebbal Police Station limits. Gold ornaments weighing 180.58 grams, valued at Rs 25.28 lakh, were stolen.

According to police, the complainant had left for Mumbai with his family on February 11, 2026, after locking the house securely. On returning on February 16, the family discovered that unknown persons had broken the window grills, gained entry, and stolen ornaments kept in the cupboard.

The victim lodged a complaint on February 17, following which Hebbal Police launched an investigation. Acting on credible information, officers arrested an individual at BM Layout in KG Halli on February 22.

During interrogation, the accused confessed to the theft, revealing that part of the stolen ornaments had been pledged at jewellery shops in Shivajinagar and KG Halli, while the rest were sold to acquaintances in Gudiyatham, Vellore District, Tamil Nadu.

Between February 23 and 28, police recovered the stolen ornaments, totaling 180.58 grams worth Rs 25.28 lakh. On February 28, the accused was produced before the court and remanded to judicial custody. –BMB

Two arrested for chain snatching

Bengaluru police have arrested two persons in connection with a chain-snatching incident reported at Halasuru Police Station on February 19, 2026. The stolen item was a 43-gram gold chain valued at Rs 6,00,000.

According to the complaint, the victim was standing near a bus stand at Mahatma Gandhi Road Web Junction when two unidentified individuals arrived on a two-wheeler, snatched the chain from the victim's neck, and fled the scene.

Acting on credible information, officers arrested two accused at their residence in Tilaknagar. During interrogation, police recovered the stolen gold chain from their possession. –BMB

Juvenile held for stealing gold chain

A juvenile in conflict with the law was arrested by Hebbagodi police on February 7, 2026, following a complaint lodged at the station.

According to police, the victim was returning home with her children near Sri Balaji Drinking Water Plant when an unknown person snatched a 40-gram gold mangalya chain worth Rs 6,22,600 from her neck and fled in Kachanayakanahalli, within the station limits.

Investigating the case from multiple angles, police gathered credible information that led them to a suspect near a Government School in Kachanayakanahalli. On questioning, the individual was identified as a juvenile, who confessed to the offence.

The stolen chain was recovered from his possession the same day. –BMB

Techie dies by suicide after domestic quarrel with mother-in-law

A 35-year-old techie allegedly died by suicide on Monday morning around 10.30 am following a domestic quarrel with her mother-in-law at Abbigere in North Bengaluru, police said on Tuesday.

The deceased, identified as Sushma, was working as a techie with a private IT company and had been married to Puneeth Kumar for five years. The couple has a four-year-old son.

According to preliminary investigations, frequent arguments reportedly took place between Sushma and her mother-in-law, Kalpana, over household matters. Police officials said the two allegedly cooked separately despite living under the same roof. A recent dispute is said to have erupted after Kalpana allegedly objected to Sushma cooking for an extended period, leading to further tension in the family.

Police said Sushma allegedly hanged herself from a ceiling fan. Her husband and mother-in-law were present in the house at the time of the incident. She was found unresponsive and later declared dead.

Sushma's parents have filed a complaint accusing her husband and in-laws of harassing her for dowry. Based on the complaint, police have taken Puneeth Kumar into custody for questioning. A case has been registered at Soladevanahalli Police Station, and further investigation is underway to ascertain the exact circumstances leading to her death. –BMB

STP shutdown leaves Kalena Lake gasping for survival

Even after upgrades, sewage treatment remains inactive, leaving water levels low and wildlife threatened, residents demand immediate action

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Left: Water level in Kalena Agrahara Lake; Right: Dirty water accumulated behind the defunct STP

A few years ago, Kalena Agrahara Lake near Bannerghatta Lake caught the attention of Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. Elected to the Rajya Sabha from Karnataka, she allocated ₹75 lakh from the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme, while the state government added ₹2.25 crore towards rejuvenating the 7.3-acre water body.

Many residents from nearby apartment complexes visit the lake for morning and evening walks. They appreciate the existing infrastructure and amenities, which were upgraded a few years ago. However, they are concerned about the defunct sewage treatment plant (STP) and the decreasing water level in the lake. Residents reported that the STP has been non-operational for more than a year, and no measures have been taken to ensure it treats sewage and releases treated water into the lake. "Water levels are decreasing day by day. With the STP closed, no treated water is being released into the lake. I want the authorities to allow the Vithola Residential Apartment Owners' Association to discharge treated water into the lake. It would benefit the water body if the authorities took measures to reopen the STP," said Asha Nayak, a resident. Speaking to Bangalore Mirror, J Krishnan, president of the Vithola Residential Apartment Owners' Association and the Kalena Agrahara Lake Preservation and Beautification Members Association, said the lake was under the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) more than a decade ago. On March 20, 2013, the BDA granted permission to the Vithola Residential Apartment Owners' Association to release treated water into the lake. "Later, the lake was handed over to the BBMP, and the authorities asked us not to discharge treated water during the lake's rejuvenation. However, no formal permission letters were issued to us to allow water release," said Krishnan.

Despite upgrades, treated water is blocked, authorities yet to approve release, leaving fish, birds, and lake health at risk

It is reported that the BBMP South Lakes Department Executive Engineer, in response to a letter from the Vithola Residential Apartment Owners' Association dated December 18, 2024, wrote on March 18, 2025 to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) Environmental Officer (Bommanahalli), requesting consideration for allowing treated water to be released into the lake. "Since water quality standards must be maintained according to KSPCB guidelines, and considering the drastically reduced water level due to extreme heat, permission may be granted to the association based on your assessment of water quality," the letter stated.

However, the Vithola Residential Apartment Owners' Association has yet to receive permission, even after a year. "We have recently upgraded the STP. We do not have a large garden to use the treated water. We are awaiting permission from the authorities," said Krishnan.

Will the authorities facilitate the release of treated water into the lake without further delay to protect fish and birds during summer? Residents and environmentalists will have to wait and see.

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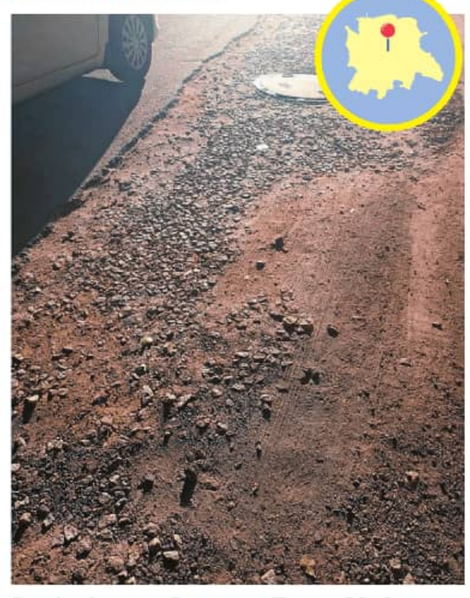

Potholes on Benson Town Main Road, between the Nandidurg entrance and Indian Bank, are making daily travel difficult and unsafe.

Lift trouble

Mekhri Circle

The non-functional lift at the Mekhri Circle footbridge is causing hardship for commuters, especially senior citizens, and requires urgent repair.

Regular inspections a must to ensure fire safety

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A short circuit is suspected to have triggered the fire. The flames quickly spread to adjacent establishments, gutting between 21 and over 30 shops, according to varying estimates. While no fatalities were reported, one worker sustained minor burn injuries while attempting to extinguish the fire before emergency services arrived. Police have estimated the total financial loss caused by the incident at approximately Rs.2.5 crore.

Hurdles on the way

Speaking about the challenges faced during the operation, a firefighter said the team encountered difficulties due to the narrow roads in the area, which prevented fire tenders from directly accessing the spot. As a result, personnel had to lay hose lines from nearly 300 metres away to control the flames.

"The main issue is that we often do not know what kind of materials are stored inside these shops. Shopkeepers do not inform us about the nature of their businesses or what hazardous items may be present nearby. In such situations, entering the building becomes extremely difficult. The roads are very narrow and there is heavy traffic congestion. For a fire vehicle to enter, the road should be at least six feet wide," he explained. "If we had reached the spot earlier, we could have extinguished it much sooner. The location is hardly 2 to 3 km from our station, but due to heavy traffic congestion, it took us nearly 20 minutes to reach the market area," he said.

He added that while the main road was manageable, entering the inner market lanes was extremely difficult. The presence of roadside street vendors further narrowed access. "Vendors and the public outside may not even be aware of the emergency unfolding inside. We keep spreading awareness about giving way to emergency vehicles, but even when people hear about it, they often fail to follow it consistently," he noted.

From the main road, the area branches into rows of tiny shops packed closely together, making the locality extremely congested. Officials said that whether it is a house or a commercial building, enough open space must be left for safety and emergency access. In many buildings, the gap between structures is less than four metres, which makes firefighting operations difficult. "Our first aim is to stop the fire from spreading, but the lack of space makes it challenging," an officer said.

Unsafe design, no compliance

A firefighter also pointed out problems with staircase design. In several commercial buildings, staircases are very narrow, sometimes only 0.5 to 0.7 metres wide. As per National Building Code guidelines, staircases should be at least 1.2 to 1.5 metres wide, but many buildings do not follow this rule. He said, "Even shoppers feel uncomfortable using such stairs, making evacuation during emergencies even harder." Many godowns also store mixed items like cosmetics, perfumes, plastics, and clothes together, increasing fire risk.

Officials stated that many recent fire accidents in commercial areas are believed to have been caused by short circuits. They pointed out that fire safety is often treated as a one-time legal requirement rather than an ongoing responsibility. In older buildings, several establishments do not even apply for the mandatory NOC. "From our day-to-day observations, very few even think about obtaining a Fire NOC. We estimate that nearly 99% of buildings in Chickpet and nearby areas do not have a fire safety NOC," the firefighter added.

Common violations include blocked fire exits, emergency staircases being used for storage, and poor maintenance of fire safety equipment such as smoke detectors and extinguishers. Firefighters also observed that very few businesses seek professional fire safety advice.

Official added that stricter enforcement is necessary. "If the government ensures regular inspections and imposes penalties for violations, people will take fire safety more seriously. Without continuous monitoring and accountability, such risks will continue," he said. He added that despite having modern equipment, the department faces manpower shortages but managed to control the blaze efficiently only due to equipment.

Following the recent fire, the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) announced the formation of a committee to prepare a detailed report on preventing and controlling accidents in Chickpet's commercial areas. Referring to a similar fire in Nagarathpete last year, officials said the panel will include members from the GBA, Central City Corporation, Fire and Emergency Services, and the Electricity Department. The committee will investigate the causes and recommend preventive measures. The civic body also warned of criminal action against owners who fail to remove illegal structures.

Traffic woes spur Banaswadi flyover demand

Residents of North East Bengaluru, particularly in Banaswadi and surrounding areas, have renewed their demand for the long-pending rotary flyover at the IOC Depot junction, citing worsening traffic congestion and commuter distress.

A petition launched by the Bengaluru Mobility Federation (BMF) on Change.org has already gathered over 1,000 verified signatures. The campaign seeks immediate implementation of the proposed flyover, which residents say has remained on paper for more than a decade.

Motorists frequently face severe traffic snarls near the Mukunda Theatre junction due to the absence of a grade separator at the IOC Depot intersection. The stretch serves as a key connector for commuters travelling towards HRBR Layout, Ramamurthy Nagar and nearby neighbourhoods, often witnessing heavy bottlenecks during peak hours.

According to the petition, more than 50 Residents' Welfare Associations have backed the demand, highlighting the impact on productivity, fuel consumption and pollution levels.

The proposed project, estimated at Rs 380 crore, includes a 3–4 km elevated rotary flyover and a two-lane railway overbridge at the Baiyappanahalli railway level crossing. Officials have been directed to coordinate across agencies and complete the work within a stipulated time frame, ensuring minimal disruption to commuters. —**BMB**

No dry fruits shortage yet in city

Traders in Bengaluru say there is currently no immediate shortage of dry fruits in the city's markets, though they caution that prolonged geopolitical tensions could disrupt supplies and raise prices in the coming weeks. Merchants at key wholesale hubs such as Russell Market said they stocked up in advance for the festive season and are able to meet demand ahead of Ramzan, when sales of dates, almonds, pistachios and figs typically rise.

However, tensions in parts of West Asia, a major source region for imported dry fruits, are beginning to affect shipment schedules. Traders warn that prolonged disruptions in ports or logistics could delay fresh consignments, tighten supply and gradually push up wholesale and retail prices in the city's markets. Sellers say they are monitoring imports closely while adjusting procurement strategies to avoid sudden shortages and maintain stable supply for consumers. —**BMB**

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Bengaluru to Goa, in a roundabout way?

As train users question complex route plan for Yeshwanthpur–Madgaon Vande Bharat, railways official explains why this is unavoidable

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The soon-to-be-launched Vande Bharat train from Bengaluru that is expected to connect Yeshwanthpur to the southern Goan tip of Madgaon has created much excitement among travellers, but questions are being raised over it proposed travel time of around 13.5-15 hours and the complex route plan placed to the Railway Board. The Vande Bharat proposal was given to the Railway Board to connect Mangaluru to other ports and coastal cities and is awaiting a green signal from the Board.

The proposed route connects Hassan, Sakaleshpur, Subrahmanya Road and Padil.

According to Chief Operating Officer of South Western Railway, Dr Manjunath Kanmadi, this is unavoidable as the train will run through a tough terrain with winding tracks. Kanmadi said the final route will have to keep in mind that the train will have to deliberately go at slower speeds in the Ghats section. However, he said the train will provide the same comfort, timeliness and approachability to connect people. "A train which boasts up to 160 kmph will have to go at a snail's pace in the Western Ghat section at which drops the speed to sometimes 30 kmph. This unavoidable stretch of journey is actually the reason why the travel time is increased and why certain destinations have to be reviewed before the final route is decided."

The semi-high-speed Vande Bharat rake at a station amid discussions about operational constraints affecting the proposed Yeshwanthpur–Madgaon service route

Railway officials defend the longer Bengaluru–Goa Vande Bharat route, citing steep ghat sections, limited station facilities and safety approvals, while travellers question pricing, speed potential and infrastructure readiness

However, on social media, train users have picked holes in the infrastructure and pricing. An X user, ugabooga_glitch writes, "13 hours for 700km on a 'premium' Vande Bharat? It's a 160 kmph train performing like a local passenger because the infra can't keep up. Until we fix the signalling and gauging, these trains are just political billboards." they said. Another user from X by the name said social_genz," Vande Bharat is much more expensive than China, Japan and Korea trains..."

According to Dr Manjunath, some delays are inevitable in implementation of the luxury train and the specific stops chosen as many stations do not have watering facilities which are essential to maintain hygiene on routes.

Dr Manjunath also said that the route plan and approval of the Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS) comes under the Ministry of Aviation, which has officials deputed to the Indian Railways. He said that an in-depth study is being conducted before giving the final go-ahead. "The CRS cannot be convinced by anybody or authority to pass the project without intense scrutiny as it is a matter of passenger safety," he said.

The chair car/berth is also to be decided depending on the final calculation of hours of travel, based on which, the routes will also be decided to benefit maximum travellers from coastal areas. The number of coaches for Vande Bharat which is also called Train 16, meaning in multiples of eight coaches, is also to be finalised.

South Western Railway, Southern Railway and Konkan Railway jointly submitted the proposal to the Railway Board this month.

Free dentures scheme joins Ayushman

The Karnataka government has approved the inclusion of the Danta Bhagya scheme under the Ayushman Bharat–Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana–Chief Minister's Arogya Karnataka (AB PMJAY–CM's Arogya Karnataka) programme, aiming to strengthen access to free dentures for economically vulnerable citizens across the state.

According to Government Order (HF,W 83 CGE 2026) dated March 3, 2026, procedure codes for complete and partial dentures under the Danta Bhagya scheme will now be integrated into the AB PMJAY–CM's Arogya Karnataka platform through the Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust (SAST). The move creates a separate vertical for Priority Household (PHH) beneficiaries, allowing systematic validation and improved monitoring of claims under the scheme.

Launched in 2015 under the National Oral Health Programme, the Danta Bhagya scheme provides free, high-quality complete and partial dentures to below poverty line patients. Initially limited to edentulous patients aged 60 years and above, the eligibility criteria were later expanded to include beneficiaries aged 45 years and above who are completely edentulous or have three or more missing teeth. **–BMB**

KERC hikes power tariffs for industries

The Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission has revised electricity tariffs, leading to higher power bills for industries and commercial consumers in the coming financial year. The hike will apply retrospectively from April 2025 after Karnataka's five power distribution companies sought relief to recover revenue losses of about Rs 4,620 crore incurred in the previous financial year. While agricultural pump sets have been given partial relief, commercial and industrial users will face increases in both energy and demand charges. Under the revised structure, LT-3A commercial tariffs have been raised from Rs 7.00 to Rs 7.10 per unit, with a fixed charge of Rs 235 per kW. LT-5 industrial tariffs have increased from Rs 4.50 to **–BMB**

US sinks Iranian warship returning from India

A US submarine sank an Iranian warship off the southern coast of Sri Lanka, US Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth said on Wednesday, dramatically widening Washington's pursuit of the Iranian navy. Sri Lanka's deputy foreign minister said at least 80 people were killed in the attack on the frigate IRIS Dena, which was heading back to Iran from an eastern Indian port.

"An American submarine sank an Iranian warship that thought it was safe in international waters," Hegseth said at the Pentagon. "Instead, it was sunk by a torpedo. Quiet death".

The Iranian vessel had taken part in a naval exercise held in the Bay of Bengal from February 18 to 25, according to the drill's website.

Sri Lanka searching for survivors

Sri Lanka said it had launched a search-and-rescue operation to locate survivors after receiving a distress call, with 32 people rescued by its navy and treated at a hospital in the southern port city of Galle.

Iranian warship IRIS Dena is seen in the Bay of Bengal during International Fleet Review held at Visakhapatnam

Foreign minister Vijitha Herath said 180 people were on board the ship.

Sri Lankan navy spokesman Commander Buddhika Sampath said boats that reached the location observed only an oil slick, adding that the incident took place outside Sri Lankan waters but Colombo was still committed to providing support.

"We are hopeful we can rescue more people and will continue (operations) until we are sure," Sampath said.

Naval drill in India

The website of the 'Milan' multilateral naval exercise hosted by India listed an Iranian ship named 'IRINS Dena' as having taken part in the drill, which was held in the Bay of Bengal off India's eastern coast. **–Reuters**

Effects of war being felt in Karnataka

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Farm distress

Vegetables, fruits and flowers bound for Dubai, Muscat and Doha are now stranded within the state. These perishables cannot be stored for long, and Karnataka does not have the market depth to absorb such sudden oversupply. Farmer groups say prices are under pressure and growers are anxious about mounting transport and storage costs. A prolonged export freeze could severely strain rural incomes.

Rice jitters

Iran is among the top buyers of Indian basmati rice, alongside Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Oman. Nearly half of India's rice exports head to Africa and the Middle East. Any escalation affecting the Strait of Hormuz or Red Sea routes means higher freight charges and insurance premiums. Exporters are already reporting delayed payments and price corrections in northern markets. Trade bodies have advised shifting from CIF to FOB contracts to reduce risk exposure amid volatile shipping conditions.

Freight spike

With bunker fuel prices expected to rise and marine insurance premiums climbing due to war risk, logistics costs are set to increase. Exporters say even if routes reopen, higher freight rates could squeeze margins. For small and medium traders in Karnataka, this added burden may be difficult to absorb.

Flight fallout

Air connectivity has also taken a hit. At Kempegowda International Airport, dozens of international flights were cancelled due to airspace restrictions. Routes linking Bengaluru and Mangaluru with Dubai, Doha, Riyadh and Abu Dhabi were affected, disrupting both passenger and cargo movement. Export consignments that rely on air freight, including dairy and high value perishables, remain stuck.

Stranded families

The human cost is visible too. Dozens of Kannadigas travelling or working in Gulf nations have faced uncertainty due to sudden flight cancellations. Families back home are anxious, relying on helplines and embassy updates. With over eight lakh Kannadigas living in Arab countries, any prolonged instability raises serious concerns about safety, remittances and return travel. "For Karnataka, the conflict may be geographically distant, but its economic and emotional impact is unfolding in real time. From falling egg prices to grounded flights, the war's ripple effects are being counted in farms, freight bills and family worries across the state," said Arvind Krishna, a trader.

Opener's stunning 100 leads New Zealand into the finals

IT WAS FINN ALL THE WAY

1. New Zealand's Rachin Ravindra with his batting partner Finn Allen celebrate after wining against South Africa
2. New Zealand's Tim Seifert touches the bat of batting partner Finn Allen after hitting a six
3. South Africa's Marco Jansen celebrates his half century

Opener Finn Allen struck a stunning unbeaten 100 off just 33 balls to lead New Zealand into the T20 World Cup summit clash as they thrashed South Africa by nine wickets in the first semifinal here on Wednesday.

Allen struck 10 fours and eight sixes in his innings while his opening partner Tim Seifert made 58 as New Zealand toyed with South Africa bowlers to chase down the 170-run target with 43 balls to spare.

Kagiso Rabada (1/28) was the only wicket taker for South Africa.

Earlier, Marco Jansen struck a stunning 55 not out in a rearguard action to help South Africa reach 169 for 8 after being asked to bat.

Jansen struck two fours and five sixes in his 30-ball unbeaten knock to resurrect South Africa innings after they were reduced to 77 from 5 in the 11th over.

Dewald Brevis chipped in 34 while Tristan Stubbs contributed 29.

Rachin Ravindra, Cole McConchie and Matt Henry took two wickets apiece for New Zealand.

At short notice

New Zealand spinner Cole McConchie said he was pleased to make an impact in the Men's T20 World Cup semi-final against South Africa after being drafted into the side at short notice.

South Africa
169/8
(20)

New Zealand
173/1
(12.5)

McConchie's off-spin meant New Zealand used him as a match-up for countering the Proteas left-handed batters, which worked when he dismissed Quinton de Kock and Ryan Rickelton in the second over, as the Blackcaps restricted South Africa to 169/8.

"We talked about it sort of the last couple of days, but it even got finalised sort of just before warm-ups. So nice to come out and contribute and kind of start the ball rolling there.

"I haven't played here previously, so I talked to the boys, and it was just from the spin point of view, kind of bowl hard into the wicket and see if we could get a little bit of grip early. But the way that the South African boys struck it there at the end, hopefully it's kind of flattening out and we've got a bit of a chase I think," said McConchie to broadcasters at the innings break.

Asked about his preparation for this game, McConchie said, "Obviously, a few nerves (of playing a) World Cup semi-final, but nice to come and coaches and staff saw a bit of a match-up there, so nice to come in and contribute. A couple of wickets is always a bonus and start the boys off well," he added. **–PTI**

Today's match
India V/S England
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Dew is always big concern: Morne Morkel ahead of India-England clash

As the defending champions India gear up for their T20 World Cup semi-final clash against England, Indian bowling coach Morne Morkel highlighted dew as a concern.

India will face two-time winners England in the second semi-final of the T20 World Cup at the iconic Wankhede Stadium on Thursday. Morkel noted that Wankhede is a small ground and believes that the margin of error is very small here.

"I think dew is always a big concern. But that's again something you can't control: the toss. I think at Wankhede there's always that extra bit of bounce. Guys can trust the bounce and lead through the line that can also, as a bowler, bring you into the game. I just felt or feel that the margins here are a lot smaller. The ball travels; it's quite a small ground," Morne Morkel told the reporters.

"So you just need to be really fighting that over, staying in the moment and competing for every ball. Because, as I said, a batter's strength can also be his weakness on the surface. So it's sometimes not to go too defensive and keep on attacking because opportunities can come," he added.

Following India's win over West Indies in the final Super Eight clash of the T20 World Cup for the last semifinal slot, head coach Gautam Gambhir also said that lack of dew during their World Cup campaign so far as compared to bilateral series has led to their players not scoring at sky-high strike rates, which had become a key part of the Men in Blue's batting approach leading up to the tournament.

"During the bilateral series as well, there was a lot of dew in the second innings as well, but we did not see a lot of dew during this World Cup campaign. So I felt that it was not only about the strike rate, but it was about reading the game properly and obviously reading the situation as well. And that is something that is going to be important, and the guys did that really well. Even today, you saw they were chasing 195. We never felt that we were out of the game. Never ever did we feel in 20 overs that the chase was away from us. So the guys kept in control. Yes, there were times in bilateral matches where we could chase the target in 16 or 17 overs, but this is the World Cup. And the pressure is different, and the quality is different as well," Gambhir said.

India's Tilak Varma plays a shot during a practice session ahead of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 second semifinal cricket match between India and England, at the Wankhede Stadium, in Mumbai, on Wednesday

Team India continued its fine run in the T20 World Cup, making it to the semifinals with wins over Zimbabwe and West Indies after a brief, but humiliating, stutter against South Africa in Super Eights. **–ANI**

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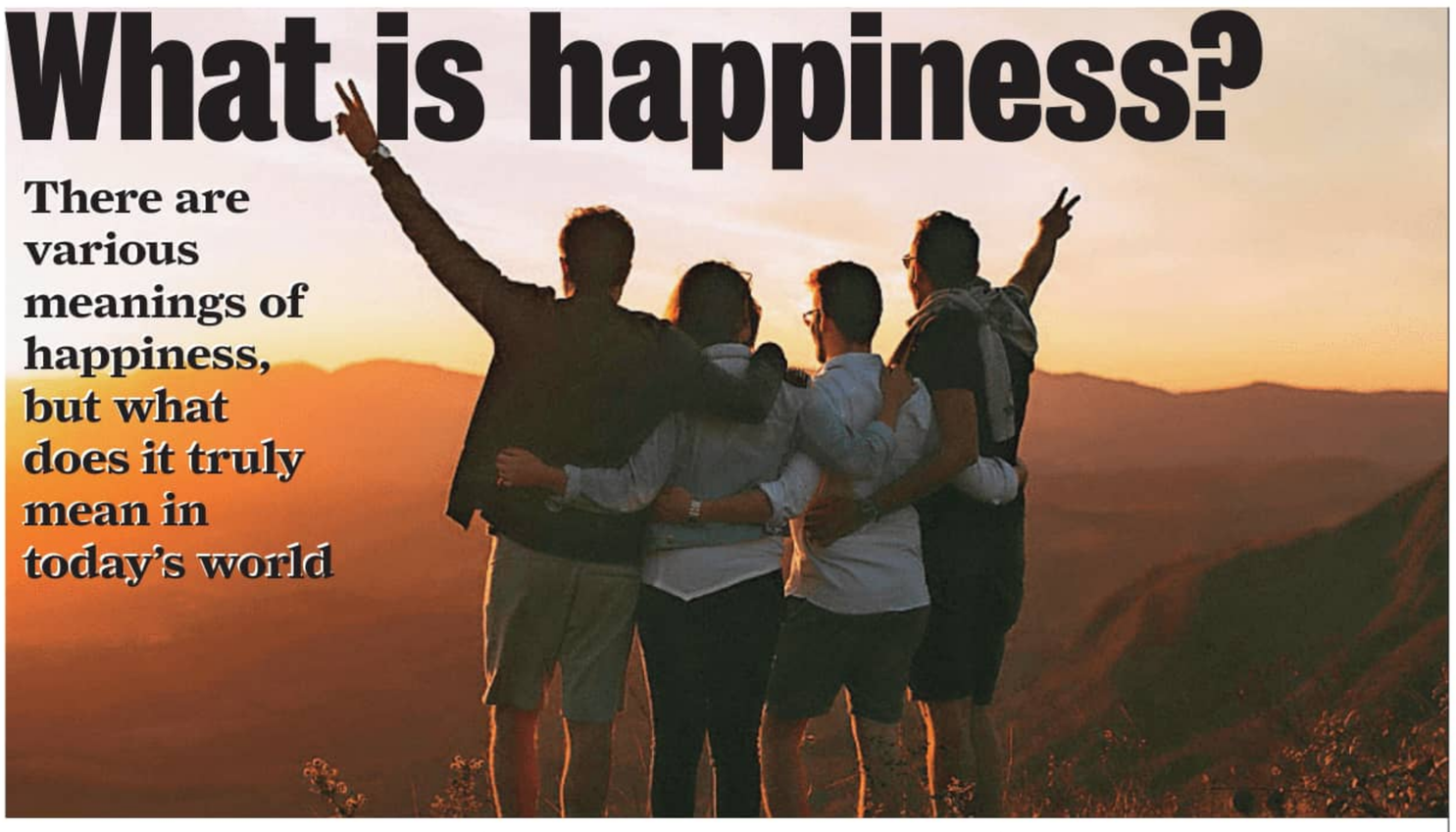
What is happiness?

There are various meanings of happiness, but what does it truly mean in today's world



When we seek happiness, what exactly are we searching for? And when we wish happiness on someone else, what is it that we truly desire for them?

Can happiness even be defined or is it an illusion, an impossible desire to fulfil? So then why are there so many happiness self-help books? What do they promise and can they be attained? Is it possible to measure happiness? If so, how do ordinary people and scientists do that?

To answer these questions, I explored different definitions of happiness in my book Happiness, Unhappiness, and Chance. The book is based on my PhD study in philosophy.

Happiness today is narrowly defined by some positive psychologists as a joyous state of mind or well-being.

The happiness sciences see it as something you can calculate and quantify. They developed a Happiness Index and the World Happiness Report. These basically measure happiness as satisfaction, with criteria like gross domestic product per capita (money) and life expectancy (health) as some of the factors considered.

But happiness is also defined by our capitalist, consumer-driven society as certain aspirational products, brands and lifestyles. These consumerist definitions are often exaggerated by influencers on social media, but also through the manipulation of consumers by the online algorithms behind the digital tools we use. Increasingly, this also happens through artificial intelligence.

All these different definitions of happiness create their own problem for happiness. In fact they can lead to more unhappiness than happiness.

Joy and pleasure are often short-lived and unsustainable; well-being can quickly be ruined by illness and fate; owning certain brands, products and lifestyles exposes us to the trap of the "hedonistic treadmill," which causes one "to rapidly and inevitably adapt to good things by taking them for granted".

My book searches for a more inclusive and encompassing definition of happiness. A happiness that is more than just joy or well-being, more than an ethical or good life. More than just good and meaningful human relationships. More than just luck, the absence of pain or a by-product of consumption. More than just a meaningful, fulfilled and content life.

I wanted to find out if a better understanding of happiness can be formed and actually achieved. One that considers all cultures and also factors like justice and caring for each other and the environment.

Consumerism

Today, consumerism and capitalism are the forces behind the digital technologies that manipulate our understanding of happiness. Consumerism, with its "you-must-have-this-or-that-to-be-happy" approach, became so powerfully enforced through today's digital platforms that it became a question of whether we can still envision, hope, and live for something more than what the algorithmic ecologies we live in present to us.

Happiness sciences

Happiness sciences, as the power behind happiness within our contemporary global happiness culture, proclaim that happiness is something one must work for and must achieve. Happiness itself is becoming so all-consuming that it is like a new religion. US historian Darrin McMahon describes the situation thus: At the dawn of the modern age, God was happiness; happiness has since become our God.

Religion

The type of happiness some religions offer is one where the ideal is that unhappiness should be overcome or will be in an afterlife. Some religions teach that true happiness can only be achieved in the afterlife, in heaven or nirvana, for example. They proclaim it is impossible to find true happiness in this world, or in the here and now.

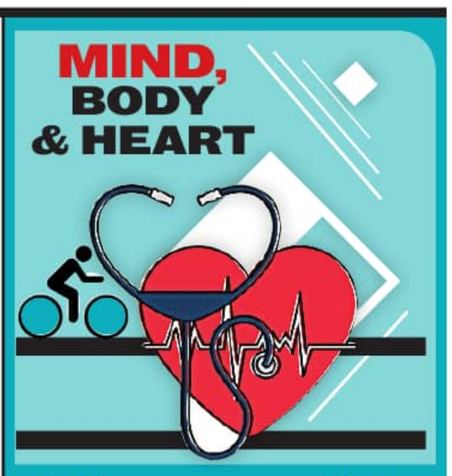
Philosophy

As alternative to these problematic understandings of happiness, and the different driving forces behind them, I used well-known French philosopher Paul Ricoeur's thinking to guide me. He argued that happiness should and could not be defined as the overcoming of unhappiness. Such an attempt will always be futile.

Why this matters

We need better definitions of happiness in a world where the term is constantly corrupted and used by consumerism, politicians, prosperity evangelicals, the self-help industry, and in algorithmic technologies.

(By Anne H Verhoef, Professor in Philosophy, North-West University, The Conversation)



All you need to know about...

Irritability in teens

Irritability is one of the most common and distressing problems teenagers and their families face. Its main symptom is an excessive reaction to negative emotional stimuli, resulting in temper outbursts and severe irritable mood. While current treatment options such as psychotherapy and medications are helpful for some, they can be inaccessible or poorly tolerated.

Our new research, based on a double-blinded, placebo-controlled clinical trial, shows broad-spectrum micronutrients (vitamins and minerals) can significantly reduce severe irritability in teenagers. Teens with severely disruptive behaviour experienced especially large improvements.

How vitamins help

Our research findings are based on the Balancing Emotions of Adolescents with Micronutrients (BEAM) trial, in which 132 unmedicated teenagers (aged 12 to 17) with moderate to severe irritability were randomly assigned to micronutrients (taken as four pills three times a day) or an active placebo for eight weeks. They were monitored monthly online by a clinical psychologist.

The placebo response was high, suggesting that simply participating in the study helped many teens feel able to improve their behaviour. But micronutrients still outperformed the placebo across key clinical measures such as irritability, emotional reactivity and overall improvement.

We saw the strongest effects in teenagers with disruptive mood dysregulation disorder (DMDD), with 64 per cent responding to micronutrients compared to 12.5 per cent on placebo.

Parents of participants receiving micronutrients rated the teens' conduct and prosocial behaviour much higher compared with those of teens on placebo.

(By Julia J Rucklidge and Angela Sherwin, University of Canterbury Christchurch, The Conversation)

Your Connect

personal

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Ankita Chaudhary, W/o Arun Singh, R/at No.2104, Sobha Silicon Oasis, off Hosa road, Doddanagamangala village road, E.City, Bangalore-560100, here by declare that Ankita Chaudhary & Ankita Chaudhari, both the names belongs to me only, vide affidavit dt: 04.03.2026 Notary V. Rangaraju, B.lore. Hence forth I shall be called in future ANKITA CHAUDHARY only.

I, Sivasankaran Krishnan, Son of Krishnan Mayannan, aged about 59 years, residing at #20, Prestige Lake Vista, Varthur Main Road, Ramagondanahalli Bengaluru - 560066, declare that Sivasankaran K and Sivasankaran Krishnan refer to the same person. Henceforth, I will use Sivasankaran Krishnan for all legal purposes.

I, NOORAH SACHORA alias NOORAH ABDULKADAR SACHORA (Old name) residing at Casa 29, 7th cross Road, Vasanthnagar Bangalore-560052 have changed my name to NOORAH SACHORA (New name) vide affidavit dated: 04/03/2026 Before Notary K.V.Mani Bangalore

I, HARSHA VARDHAN SEETHARALA NAGARAJA Residing at No 185, 9th cross, 1st stage, Indiranagar, Bengaluru -560038 have changed my name to HARSHA VARDHAN SEETHARALLA NAGARAJA vide affidavit dated: 04/03/2026 Before Notary K.V.Mani Bangalore

I, Shivraj Singh Rajput. Resident No. C 303, Godrej Aqua, Hosahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bengaluru-562157. Changed My Name from Shivraj Singh Chokeylal Rajput & Shivraj Singh To Shivraj Singh Rajput for all further purposes. (Reference Date of Birth 02/08/1964).

I Chandrasekaran Keshava - reddy s/o Keshavareddy R/o #1784 3rd Cross 3rd Stage Main Road Prakash Nagar B'luru-560021 have changed my name to Chandrashekar Keshavareddy for all purposes.

I, Balachandra P Padiyar D, S/o D P Padiyar, R/O No. 307, SVM Living 2, 15th Cross Road, Neeladri Nagar, Electronic City, Bengaluru-560100,have changed my name to Balachandra Padiyar

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I, Mithun Nayak S/O, Devendra Babu Nayak R/o Flat D-102 Platina Exotica Apartment 1st Main Road Dubasipalya Kengeri Bangalore have changed my name to Mithun Devendra Nayak for all purposes

I, Mitesh Rajput Resident. NO. C 303, Godrej Aqua, Hosahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Bengaluru-562157 Changed My Name from Mitesh Shivraj Singh Rajput To Mitesh Rajput for all further purposes. (Reference Passport No. M2569116 & Date of Birth 12/04/1995).

I, Chandrashekhar Madivalappa Mangalgi R/o No.28 Vishwas Apt, TP venugopal Lyt, Anand nagar, Hebbal, Bengaluru 560024 have changed my name to Chandra Shekhar Mangalgi. I shall be called by this name for all purposes

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LOST & FOUND

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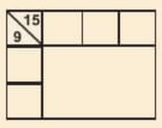
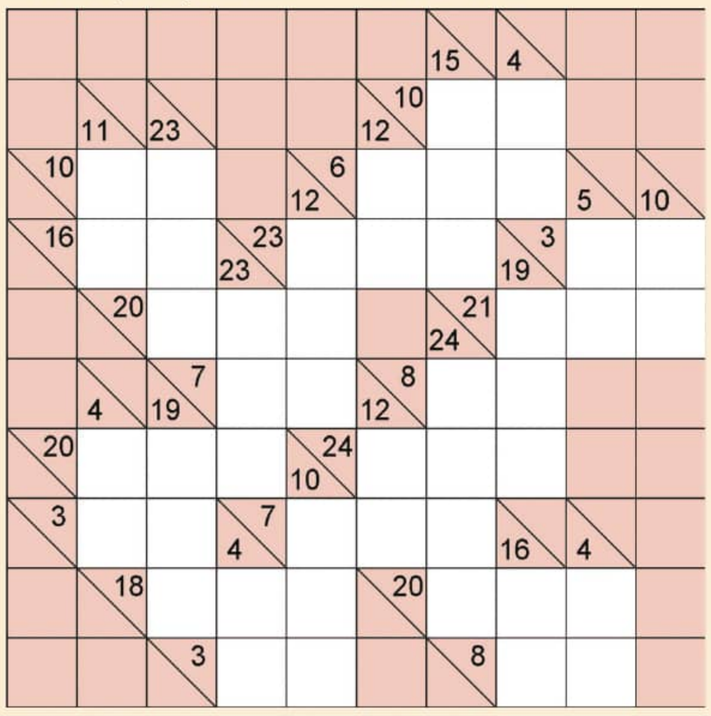
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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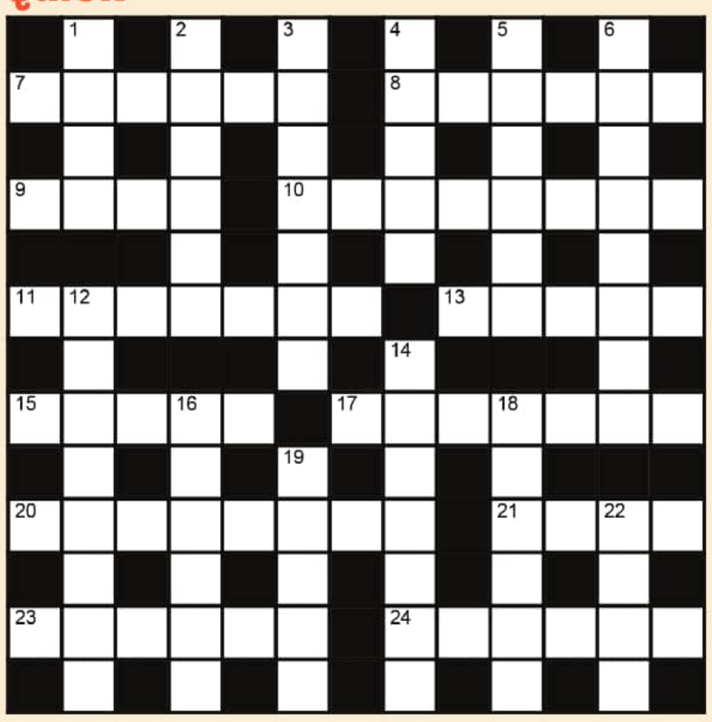


ACROSS

7 Remained (6)
8 Panic (6)
9 Tiff (4)
10 Making possible (8)
11 Thwarted or restrained (7)
13 Jaunty or jovial? (5)
15 Lazes (5)
17 Bangalore's famous food street (2,5)
20 Haughty, supercilious (8)
21 Twelve inches (4)
23 Tension (6)
24 Gave up intentionally (6)

DOWN

1 Halt (4)
2 Shiny evergreen shrub (6)
3 Stuck or clung to (7)
4 Entrails, etc (5)
5 ___ Langtry : famous actress? (6)
6 PM to Chandragupta Maurya (8)
12 Wildly excited or confused: frantic haste? (3,5)
14 Intimidate (7)
16 Sidestepped (6)
18 Inequitable (6)
19 Booth; stand (5)
22 Not closed (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: S EQUALS G

ZNMEDHS QYZHDTWNT PWN KDHE AHUI ODPW KMPNZDMUT AQ BHAOUNESN; DP DT PWDH-BDHS PWMP KMBNT OWMP ON ZNME AYZT.

Linemaro

Hey girl, did we just share electrons? Because I'm feeling a covalent bond between us

Mindchow

Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed

Joke of the day

Christmas always sucked when I was a kid because I believed in Santa Claus, and unfortunately, so did my parents

Loop

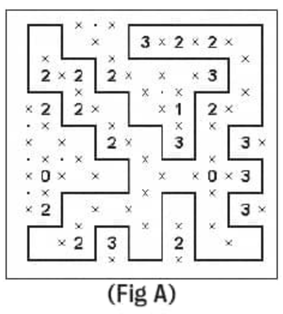
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

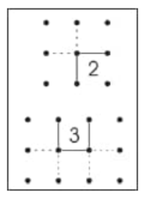
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

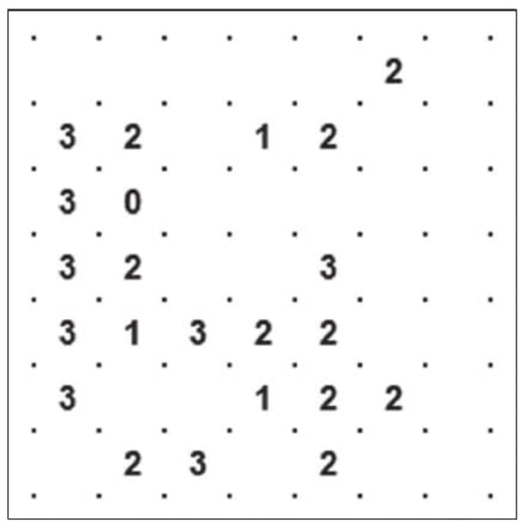
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



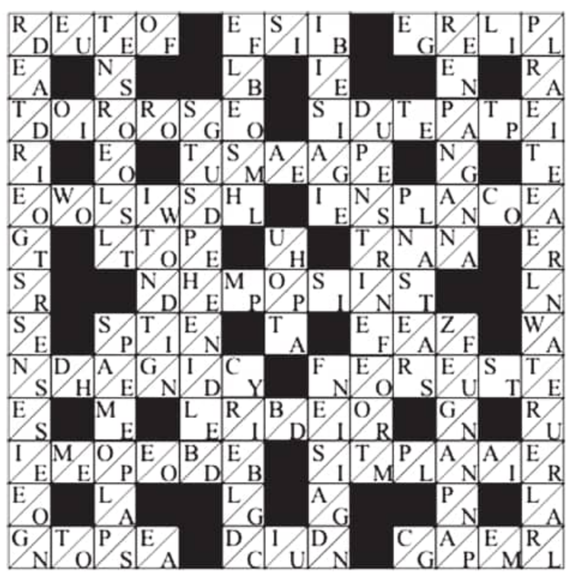
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



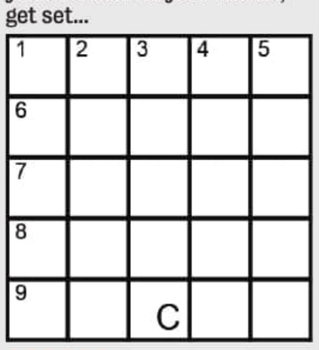
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Me Bob; 6 I a car; 7 Glued; 8 Li Dee; 9 Riced

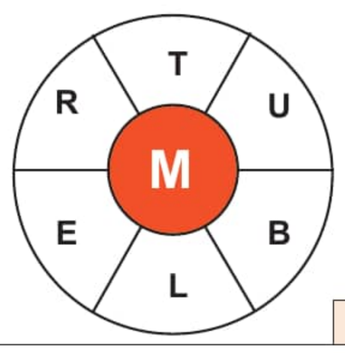
DOWN

1 Blade; 2 Uli Co; 3 Gamic; 4 Be red; 5 I reed

Mensapuzzle

Which letter is missing?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

07 Average; **08** Good; **10** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

7	4			5			6	
1	2			8				5
	9							
5			2				1	4
3			4		7			6
2	7				5			8
							5	
8				1			4	9
	1			4			7	3

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 8

4 4 7 9

Medium = 1

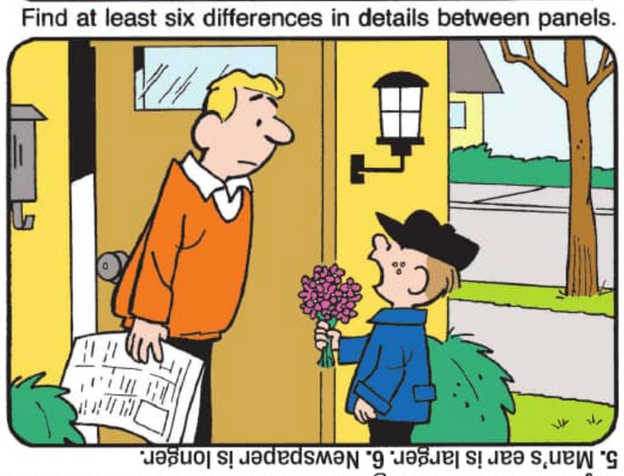
2 4 7 9

Hard = 4

1 2 4 6

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Line is added to sidewalk. 2. Cuff is added to jacket sleeve. 3. Finger is moved. 4. Tree trunk is different. 5. Man's ear is larger. 6. Newspaper is longer.

Riddler

Female kangaroos carry their young (joeys) in a pouch. Likewise, kangaroo words contain another word (a joey) within themselves. A joey word is a synonym of the kangaroo word, and the letters must be in the same order. Example: "rapscal-lion" contains the word "rascal": RApSCALlion See if you can find the joey words in these kangaroo words: 1. because 2. astound 3. municipality

Alpha triangle

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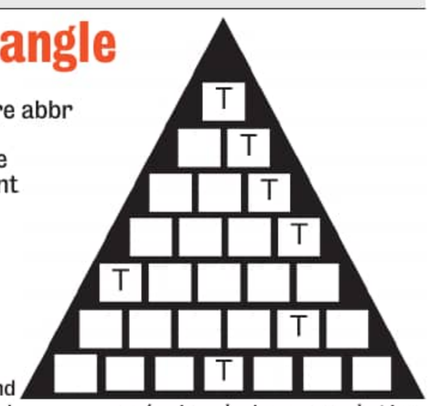
2 Operating theatre abbr
3 Cooking vessel
4 After dinner wine
5 Part of a regiment
6 On the double!
7 Segment



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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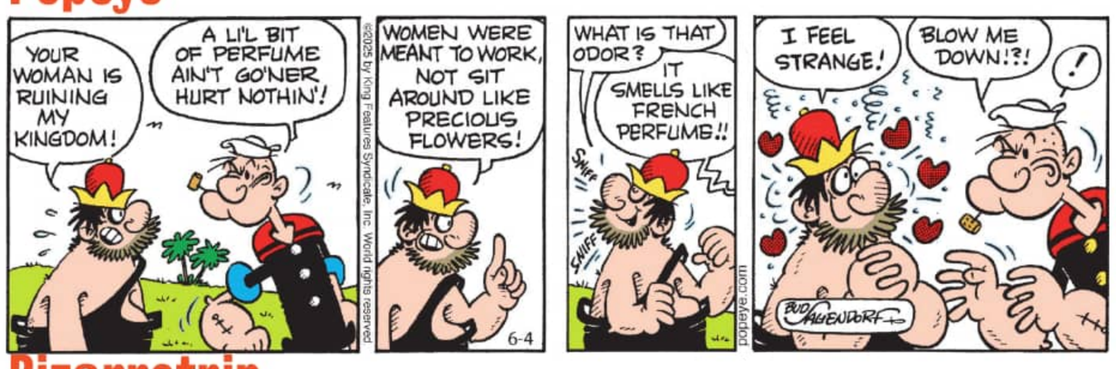
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A LI'L BIT OF PERFUME AIN'T GO'NER HURT NOTHIN'!
WOMEN WERE MEANT TO WORK, NOT SIT AROUND LIKE PRECIOUS FLOWERS!
6-4
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IT SMELLS LIKE FRENCH PERFUMB!!
SNIFF
SNIFF
I FEEL STRANGE!
BLOW ME DOWN!?!
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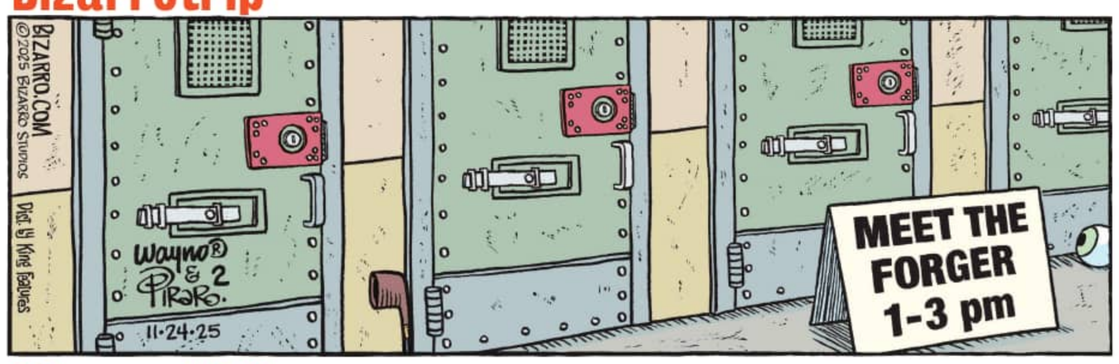

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

YOU GUYS WANNA WATCH A MOVIE?
WHADDYA GOT?
HULU, NETFLIX, PARAMOUNT+. THE BASICS.
AD-FREE?
NO, WHY?
HMMM...
I DON'T KNOW IF I WANNA WATCH 30 MINUTES OF ADS DURING A TWO-HOUR MOVIE TODAY.
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Crankshaft

Mutts

WRITTEN IN THE STARS

DR SUNDEEP KOCHAR

If it's your birthday today

Curiosity fuels your day. Love thrives on conversation and shared ideas. Career paths open through adaptability and networking. Financial opportunities appear when you stay flexible. Travel excites you, even in small doses. At home, change feels refreshing rather than disruptive. Embracing variety helps you grow, learn, and rediscover enthusiasm in familiar spaces.

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20

It may appear you're inactive, yet mentally you're racing nonstop. A concept formed today holds power to transform finances later this year if nurtured patiently and strategically with focus discipline.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20

The expectations you place on others are demanding, but equal to those you meet yourself. You set high standards, and anyone unwilling to rise will naturally fall behind eventually anyway.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21

Opportunities won't chase you forever, so act now. Organize yourself, take initiative, and convert a long-held dream into tangible reality through decisive personal effort, courage, focus timing and confidence action today.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23

You're overextended according to planetary guidance. Reduce commitments before week's end, because juggling too much increases mistakes, stress, and the likelihood everything collapses at once without warning, soon, unexpectedly, entirely.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23

Staying optimistic matters most now, even when obstacles stack up. Reaching your goals requires intelligence, endurance, and strength applied thoughtfully rather than force alone with patience, planning, resilience, clarity, purpose.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23

Unkind behaviour from others doesn't excuse returning it. Maintain generosity today, and gradually people respond differently, mirroring the kindness and fairness you consistently show through actions, words, intentions, integrity, patience.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22

If someone close requests something foolish or unethical, you must refuse. Compassion matters, but bound protect everyone, and crossing certain lines creates lasting regret for all involved, emotionally, legally, spiritually.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22

Use powerful solar energy to revive a stalled creative plan. Commit fully, channel focus relentlessly, and continue working until completion brings satisfaction and momentum success, pride, confidence, recognition, growth, fulfilment.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22

Recent caution feels unusual, yet today confirms it was wise. While others falter through risk, your restraint ensures stability and protects you from losses financially, emotionally, strategically, long-term, secure, grounded.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20

Release expectations others impose and embrace authenticity. Overreacting to external opinions restricts growth. Self-acceptance fuels progress, confidence, and a clearer path forward through honesty, resilience, independence, courage, purpose, alignment, self-belief.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19

Luck surrounds you now or soon will. Maintain faith, reinforce winning beliefs daily, and trust momentum is building steadily toward success you're destined to achieve confidently, boldly, patiently, optimistically, forward.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20

An unusually magical phase accelerates progress at home and work. Today's momentum leads to achievements you'll later admire, amazed by everything accomplished through dedication, courage, creativity, persistence, trust, timing, alignment.

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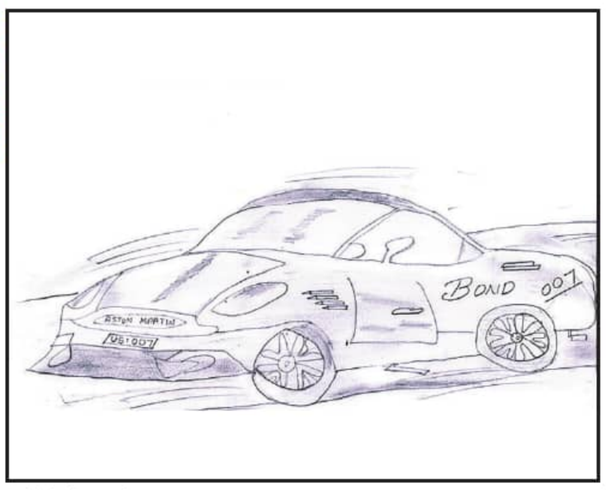

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SOLVE IN 1M

= (2 × 2√10^8)/5
= (4√10^8) / 5
= (10^2) / 5
= 100 / 5
= 20

BULL'S EYE

lemur, lumber, melt, mule, mute, rumble, term, tum_ble, TUMBLER, umber

FAST FIVE

B	O	M	B	E
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D	I	C	E	R

RIDDLER

1. as (becAUSe),
2. stun (aSTOUNd),
3. city (munICIpalITY)

STRIKE OUT

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MENSA PUZZLE

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QUOTE UNCODE

Reading furnishes the mind only with materials of knowledge; it is thinking that makes what we read ours.

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ALPHA TRIANGLE

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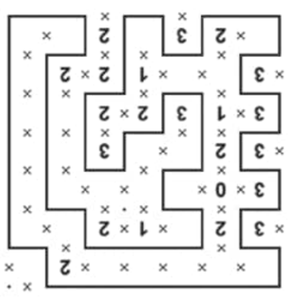

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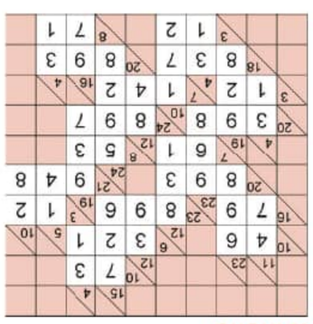

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 # Bullock's Sony reunion
Sandra Bullock to star in and produce new Sony film, reuniting with The Lost City writer Dana Fox

SANDALWOOD SHOTS
Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Somyaji's second shot

Director Nagaraj Somyaji, known for his Kannada debut Maryade Prashne, is shooting his second film, Devi Mahathme, in and around Kundapura. His first film, centred on middle-class life, earned critical acclaim, and the new project revisits similar themes in a coastal backdrop. Announced during Deepavali last year, the film recently went on floors at the Sri Brahmi Durgaparameshwari Temple near Siddapura.

Somyaji says feedback for his debut, both positive and negative, helped him grow and avoid repeating mistakes. Veteran actor Rangayana Raghu plays the lead. Despite its devotional-sounding title, the film focuses on middle-class families, their struggles and joyful moments. Billed as a comedy thriller, it features music by Prasad K Shetty and cinematography by SK Rao. Shooting is expected to be completed in 38 days. The team promises wholesome entertainment for theatre audiences across coastal Karnataka region.

Love triangle tales

The teaser of the upcoming Kannada film Premada Oorali was released at MMB Legacy on Monday. The film, described as a triangular love story, is directed by National Film Award winner Manoj Kumar. His earlier Kannada film Akshi won the Best Film award at the 67th National Film Awards. He now returns with another romantic drama.

Veteran actor Rangayana Raghu plays the hero's father, a man who learns from his mistakes. He said he joined the film for its village family theme and described the shoot as memorable, praising the director's dedication.

Director Manoj Kumar thanked Rangayana Raghu for joining Premada Oorali, praising his performance. Shot in a rain-soaked village in Hassan district, the film follows Naganna and his son Santhu, focusing on family bonding and happiness.

The cast includes Sriram, Tapashwini, Ramika Shivu and Rangayana Raghu. It is produced by Mamatha Devendra, Prashanth and Ramesh under the Venilla Entertainment and Janakamma Productions banners.

PRIYANKA'S MET GALA DILEMMA

Antarctica shoot may clash with fashion's biggest night

Priyanka Chopra may have to skip the 2026 Met Gala as a demanding shoot could place her in Antarctica filming Varanasi on the first Monday in May. Speaking to British Vogue in Paris at Jonathan Anderson's autumn/winter 2026 Dior show, she admitted she might be "otherwise engaged".

Despite the possible clash, she is intrigued by the theme, "Fashion Is Art". "You can do anything with that," she said, adding that being a spectator can be just as fun, though she has not ruled out attending.

Priyanka Chopra's Dior greenhouse show offers clues to her style mood

While the Met Gala remains uncertain, Chopra recently experienced fashion as art in Paris at Dior's autumn/winter 2026 show in the Jardin des Tuileries. Praising Jonathan Anderson's witty and distinctive vision, she wore a look from his menswear collection but joked that the greenhouse heat made her sweater a poor choice.

She also reflected on her evolving style, saying she once dressed for validation but now chooses outfits based on how she wants to feel.

More about Priyanka Chopra Jonas' work front

Varanasi is an upcoming Indian action-adventure starring Priyanka Chopra Jonas alongside Mahesh Babu and Prithviraj Sukumaran. Directed by SS Rajamouli, it follows Rudhra as an asteroid threat places the ancient city at the heart of a global crisis. Blending mythology and science fiction, the film is slated for a 2027 IMAX release. —ETimes

Bridal elegance continues

After tying the knot last month, Rashmika Mandanna was seen showing off her mangalsutra and sindoor as she walked hand in hand with her husband, Vijay Deverakonda, following a visit to his native village in Telangana.

The couple married in Udaipur on February 26 and have since turned heads with affectionate public appearances. Rashmika wore a beige saree with a red border and gold jewellery, while Vijay chose a white floral-print kurta with pyjamas.

Soon after their wedding, the pair performed a Satyanarayana Swamy Vratham and held a gruhapravesam ceremony at their newly built home in Thummanpet, adhering to traditional customs as they began married life.

They also visited the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams Temple in Hyderabad, where they distributed sweets to devotees and greeted fans and media. The celebrations are set to continue with a grand reception in Hyderabad on March 4. However, the couple have chosen to keep the event strictly invitation-only for security reasons. —ETimes

Rajshri Deshpande fights breast cancer

Rajshri Deshpande, from Angry Indian Goddesses, Manto, and Sacred Games, was diagnosed with grade 1 breast cancer and underwent surgery. She shared on March 4, that her recovery is going beautifully.

Posting a hospital-bed selfie, she explained the early diagnosis gave her a "fighting chance" and thanked her doctor, Dr Mandar Nadkarni, for his care. She added: "With everyone's support, I feel ready to take on the world. Here's to healing, hope and brighter days ahead."

Stars like Kiran Rao, Lauren Gottlieb, Adarsh Gourav, and Amruta Khanvilkar, along with fans, sent messages of love, strength, and prayers for her swift recovery.

Deshpande began her Bollywood journey with a cameo in Talaash (2012) and most recently starred in Mani Ratnam's Thug Life, alongside Kamal Haasan, Trisha Krishnan, Silambarasan, Aishwarya Lekshmi, and Ashok Selvan. —ETimes

Stranded Sonal back in India

Sonal Chauhan, the actress from Jannat, was stranded in Dubai as the Iran–Israel conflict caused widespread travel disruptions. She is now safely back in India and thanked fans for their support. Posting online, she described the ordeal as "challenging" and praised Dubai authorities for maintaining order during the chaos. Firmly opposing war, Chauhan offered prayers for peace and unity for everyone affected.

She wrote: "The last few days were difficult, but I witnessed the incredible spirit and resilience of Dubai, stemming from people's confidence in their government. I'm sincerely grateful to the authorities for keeping us safe and calm. War is never the answer. My heart goes out to everyone facing hardship, and I pray for peace."

Esha Gupta, who was stranded in Abu Dhabi, has returned safely to India and thanked the government, describing the chaos after the missile strikes. Professionally, Chauhan was last seen in Dard as Fatima and earlier portrayed Mandodari in Om Raut's Adipurush. —ETimes